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Havana Cuba

To the

Rt. Rev. W. R. Whittingham, D.D.

Baltimore,

Maryland.

My Dear Bishop:

I reached here on Wednesday last by the Steamship Crescent City. We had a very pleasant voyage notwithstanding the threatening aspect of the weather when we left New York. We had 40 passengers & 40 of that number were French people. Among us an Episcopal minister of the Basque race. Our ship was crowded & an enviable position to be

Chaplain to such a party – The Captain took Care of me in his room and so I was enabled to avoid many things which otherwise would have been very disagreeable to me – I fear the Condition of affairs here Even worse than last year – Our business of all kinds is in a very unsettled State – It is reported that there is much suffering in the interior of the Island – Since I reached here I have been busy endeavoring to rent a house for a permanent Chapel at Havana. This is another step in the advance – I have had a meeting of the foreign Representatives – about the matter and think that I shall be able

to Carry my point in a few days – I shall open our Service again in Gallinga Piscina – and shall keep on at this Old place until I succeed in securing a House and the necessary protection – I have quite a Number sick at the Hospital – 3 with Yellow Fever – Everything is going on nicely and the Doctors and Servants have greater confidence in my return – Dr. Lubbard is here on a visit from Philadelphia – He visited the Hospital with me yesterday and seemed to be very much interested He leaves this afternoon for New York – and I trust that when he reaches home he may be able to excite some

interest - Enough at least to secure the 1500 Dollars from Philadelphia. — I am very much discouraged on account of not having the Clerical assistance which the House of Bishops granted me - and which I need so much - I cannot rest but I cannot bear to be left to stand alone here - and of course cannot bear this assistance until I know that there is money in the treasury to pay for it - I have been feeling quite well since my return - the weather though is oppressively warm - warmer than we usually have it in the Winter — Please give my love to Mrs. Whittingham and to all the Members of your family — Am